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Mr. Speaker, and there is a committee amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments. (See Standing Committee amendment, AM0088, on page 373 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The committee amendments do a couple of things. Once again, we want to address in part the mutual...the funding for the mutual finance organizations, the fire aid bill that we approved last year. The committee amendment in that respect says that in addition to counting second class cities, you can count first class cities, but if you count first class cities the maximum amount that the mutual finance organization can qualify for is \$300,000. That is a...that limitation is necessary so that you wouldn't have a large population center deplete the fund by qualifying. On the other hand, it isn't our intent to deny access to the fund to those mutual finance organizations that, because of levy limitations or other considerations, are properly eligible for aid. So, on the one hand, we're going to make them able to apply but limit the dollar amounts so that we do not completely deplete the fund. And there is another further limitation in the bill concerning assumed populations that makes certain organizations eligible to apply by giving them an assumed population of 30,000 or more. There is a provision that had discussion in the Revenue Committee. Again, it has some resonance, I would note, with an earlier provision. It says that, if you have a petition effort in a political subdivision to avoid the levy limitations, that you can only bring one election per calendar year under those provisions. My recollection is there's a similar limitation for the board so it would conform board initiated elections to petition initiated elections in that regard. That's an issue that was brought to the committee by Senator Redfield; I hope she agrees with my characterization of the amendment. But that, Mr. Speaker, is the committee amendment, and I would urge its adoption.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the opening on committee amendments. Debate on the committee amendments? Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments. They are waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the Revenue Committee amendments to LB 141. All